



Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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CROP INFORMATION

Days suitable for fieldwork: 6.9
Soil moisture supplies: 37% very short, 49% short, 13% adequate and 1% surplus

Field Crops Report
Extremely dry conditions persisted throughout Louisiana. Dry weather continued to create fresh water availability issues for rice producers. Dry ryegrass fields contributed to chinch bug problems in some rice fields. Soybean and sorghum planting were slowed due to a lack of moisture. Soybeans planted were in need of rain to help activate pre-emerge herbicides. Sugarcane producers finished fertilization. Sweet potato planting continued. Winter wheat harvest continued to make excellent progress due to dry weather.

Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops
Fruit and vegetable producers continued struggling with the dry conditions. Harvesting of peaches began.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report
Pastures were suffering from extreme lack of moisture. Rising waters from Mississippi River forced relocation of some cattle in low lying areas. Due to the poor pasture conditions, cattlemen were feeding hay.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	100	99	100	99
Corn	Silked	8	2	9	10
Cotton	Planted	96	91	84	90
	Emerged	88	80	75	80
Hay	First cutting	65	52	68	51
Peaches	Harvested	1	0	0	0
Rice	Planted	99	99	99	98
	Emerged	98	97	96	94
Sorghum	Emerged	100	99	92	85
Soybeans	Planted	87	79	70	78
	Emerged	79	66	60	66
Sweet Potatoes	Planted	18	6	18	12
Winter Wheat	Harvested	72	40	8	26

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	10	38	50	1
Corn	1	3	26	59	11
Sorghum	0	5	31	57	7
Soybeans	2	8	32	57	1
Rice	2	5	25	56	12
Sugarcane	6	16	42	26	10
Winter Wheat	0	1	19	57	23
Livestock	5	14	38	41	2
Vegetables	8	16	34	39	3
Pasture	15	28	37	20	0

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 05/15/11 TO 05/22/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	87	47	69	74	0.00	3.62	12.26	21.68
Minden	90	45	71	72	1.40	4.97	15.56	23.92
Mooringsport	88	51	71	MM	2.84	7.16	18.04	19.01
Shreveport South	90	47	70	MM	1.23	5.56	14.99	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	90	45	70	73	2.04	6.36	14.99	22.13
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	88	43	67	73	0.76	7.07	18.21	24.92
Homer/Hill Farm	88	(42)	67	71	1.44	4.39	16.83	23.92
Extreme/Average	88	42	67	73	1.44	MM.MM	MM.MM	25.15
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	87	49	68	73	0.51	4.36	24.97	27.75
LSU-St Joseph	89	44	65	75	0.00	2.73	22.32	26.97
LSU-Winnsboro	86	45	66	74	0.00	3.13	23.25	26.17
Tallulah	85	47	67	73	0.00	3.63	24.64	27.14
Extreme/Average	89	44	68	74	0.51	4.36	24.97	26.91
4. West-Central								
Leesville	90	43	72	74	0.62	1.47	12.73	23.98
Ashland	91	42	69	72	2.69	5.91	16.01	24.13
Hodges Gardens	91	49	72	MM	2.05	2.90	13.71	23.71
Extreme/Average	91	42	71	74	1.79	2.19	12.73	23.88
5. Central								
Alexandria	91	52	72	75	0.18	1.82	14.15	25.44
Bunkie	(93)	48	73	75	0.47	1.80	13.27	27.08
New Roads 5 NE	91	50	70	75	0.00	1.07	14.14	26.10
Extreme/Average	93	48	72	75	0.33	1.82	14.15	25.68
6. East-Central								
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	1.07	9.06	24.83
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	75	0.00	0.90	15.95	26.66
Slidell	86	48	70	75	0.00	0.02	10.10	26.34
Extreme/Average	86	48	70	75	0.00	0.02	10.10	27.26
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	92	51	73	75	0.25	3.75	15.04	24.05
Jennings	91	51	73	75	0.00	2.56	14.01	22.30
LSU-Crowley	87	50	70	76	0.00	4.62	14.00	23.21
Oberlin Fire Tow	90	49	72	76	0.00	2.35	12.16	26.30
Extreme/Average	92	49	73	76	0.08	2.89	13.09	22.56
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	92	46	70	76	0.00	0.29	11.92	23.94
LSU-Jeanerette	88	49	68	75	0.00	0.75	8.42	22.07
Morgan City	89	53	70	75	0.00	0.36	7.55	22.88
Lafayette	92	49	71	76	0.00	3.38	14.23	23.65
Extreme/Average	92	46	70	76	0.00	0.29	11.92	23.02
9. Southeast								
Galliano	86	52	73	76	0.00	0.05	14.62	24.44
NO Audubon Park	89	56	73	77	0.00	0.42	8.04	23.96
Extreme/Average	89	52	73	77	0.00	0.42	MM.MM	24.52
State Averages	93	42	71	75	0.60	2.19	14.39	24.56

M = Missing () = Extremes Yr. To Date = Through May 22, 2011

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